

FISCAL NOTE

HB 94 - SB 1590

March 23, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends the statute of limitations in malpractice actions from one year to four years for actions by a minor. Actions by a minor under the age of six would commence within four years or prior to the minor turning age eight, whichever is longer.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

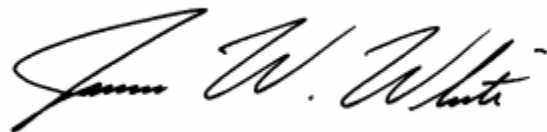
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The change in the statute of limitations in malpractice cases for a minor may cause a small number of cases to be filed in a more expedient fashion. Any impact from such would be absorbed within existing judicial resources.
- The cost of malpractice insurance could increase and providers could pass on the costs to TennCare if there is a significant increase of malpractice cases.
- There will not be a significant increase of malpractice cases.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director